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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE AT NAIROBI

1. FOLLOWING "INFORMATION GROUP" MEETING JULY 23, REPRESENTATIVES FROM BELGIAN AND NETHERLANDS PERMDELS SEPARATELY REPORTED TO US PERMDEL THAT RUMOR IS ABOUT THAT SOME AFRICAN STATES WOULD PREFER TO HOLD 19TH UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS RATHER THAN NAIROBI. THIS DUE TO RECENT ALLEGED KENYA ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOLLOWING ENTEBBE RAID.

2. AS OF ABOUT JULY 20, AFTER SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES SUPPOSEDLY INDICATING THAT THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND UNESCO GC IN NAIROBI, SENIOR SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAD INDICATED LIKELIHOOD THAT DG WOULD ASK DECISION AT 100TH EXBD WHETHER TO HOLD GC IN PARIS OR NAIROBI GIVEN FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNESCO AND GIVEN FEELING OF SOME AFRICAN STATES AGAINST VISITING NAIROBI.

3. AS OF JULY 22, HOWEVER, IT APPEARED THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAD SETTLED ITS DIFFERENCES AND WANTED GENERAL CONFERENCE TO BE IN NAIROBI TO BE A "RESOUNDING SUCCESS". PERMDEL WILL ADVISE OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS
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